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Ms. Renata Hesse  
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I appreciate the chance to offer my comments on the Microsoft settlement.

It is important to note that the settlement gives computer users a great deal of flexibility. To be able to remove or reinstate products like an Internet browser, tools for instant messaging and email is remarkable. This will make it much simpler for users to switch and compare with other products available in the marketplace. The technology industry, the economy and consumers are all better off with the speedy settlement of this case.

Sincerely yours,



Elizabeth G. Ludden